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AUTHOR'S NOTE

Of all the things humans have invented,
cigarettes and coffee top my list . . .

Sure they're bad for you . . . poison for your body . . .

So why do they make me feel so good?
I don't think I could ever kick either habit
I know what I should do, but . . .

Sure, it's scary to try something with a risk of addiction
. . . and I know my little comic isn't that good, either . . .

. . . But I want people to be addicted to it

Banya, Book Five. Thank you . . . and apologies

—KIM YOUNG-OK

Chapter 21
OMENS

BANJA

the explosive delivery man

STORY AND ART BY KIM YOUNG-OH

TRANSLATION TAESOON KANG & DEREK KIRK KIM LETTERING STEVE DUTRO

MEI...KONG...
...ARE YOU OKAY?
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
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?!
THE PEOPLE YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT...THEY'LL BE FINE.
EVEN AT MY LOW LEVEL, I'M STILL ABLE TO PICK UP SOME THOUGHTS.
IF I'M INTRUDING, I APOLOGIZE...

NO, NO...
IT FEELS GOOD TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU.
I'M GLAD...
THANK YOU.
BY THE WAY, DO YOU KNOW WHAT MUAH'S UP TO?
NO IDEA. HE'S BEEN GONE FOR A WHILE...
I'M RIGHT HERE!
?!
WH- WHAT IS THAT...?!

HA HA HA! A LONG TRIP REQUIRES A FULL STOMACH!
BUT HOW CAN WE--?
TRUST ME, IT TASTES BETTER THAN IT LOOKS!
I...I CAN'T EAT ANOTHER LIVING BEING!
YOU'RE MISSING OUT!

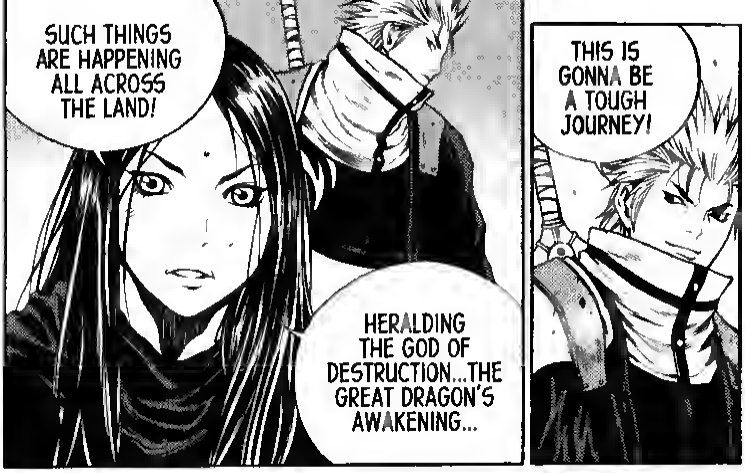
.....
THEY'RE DEFINITELY HEADING SOUTH!
THEY WERE HERE!

IT BEGINS...
THE REAL HUNT BEGINS HERE!
FIND THEM!
RAAGH !!
GRAAGH!

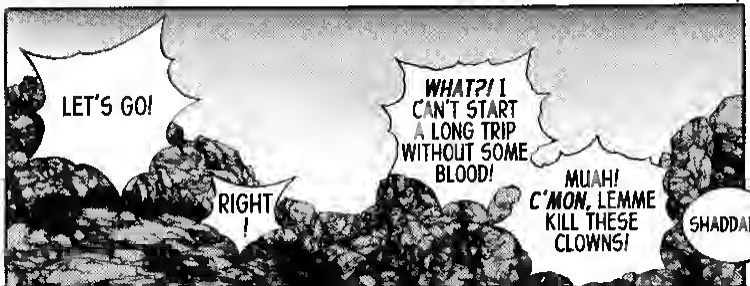
SHEESH...

THAT'S FREAKY!
GRRRRR...

A GORIGON NEVER WANDERS OUTSIDE ITS TERRITORY. WHAT IS IT DOING HERE...?
WHAT ARE WE HIDING FOR?! LET'S *DICE* HIS SCALY ASS!
...
SHUSH!


SUCH THINGS ARE HAPPENING ALL ACROSS THE LAND!
HERALDING THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION...THE GREAT DRAGON'S AWAKENING...
THIS IS GONNA BE A TOUGH JOURNEY!

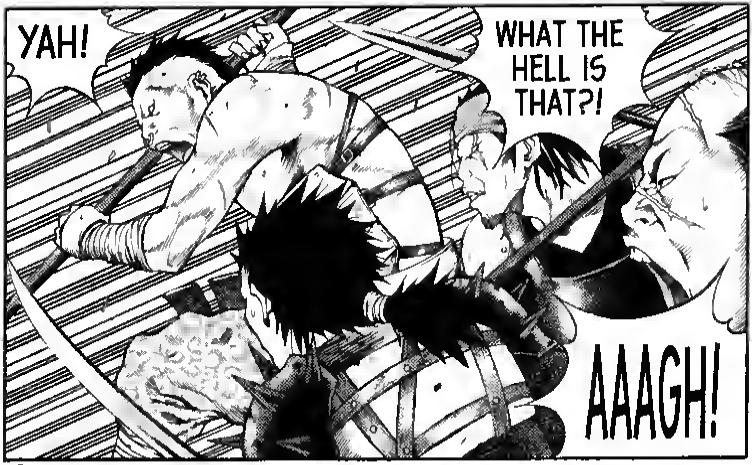
NEVER MIND THAT...WE HAVE A JOB TO DO...
NO MATTER WHAT THE ODDS, WE HAVE TO COMPLETE OUR MISSION!


LET'S GO!
RIGHT!
WHAT?! I CAN'T START A LONG TRIP WITHOUT SOME BLOOD!
MUAH! C'MON, LEMME KILL THESE CLOWNS!
SHADDAP!

THD

HM?!
SSHH
GROAR!
?!
ARRRGH!

KKRRR


YAH!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!
AAAGH!

DIE!

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT...
WELL...AT LEAST WE GOT SOMETHING TO EAT
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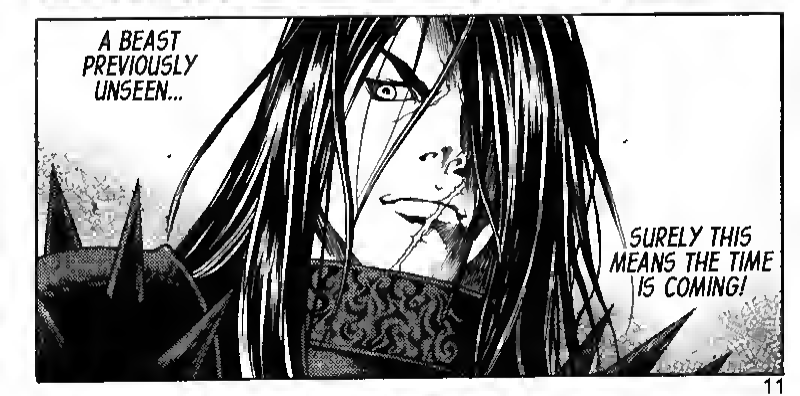
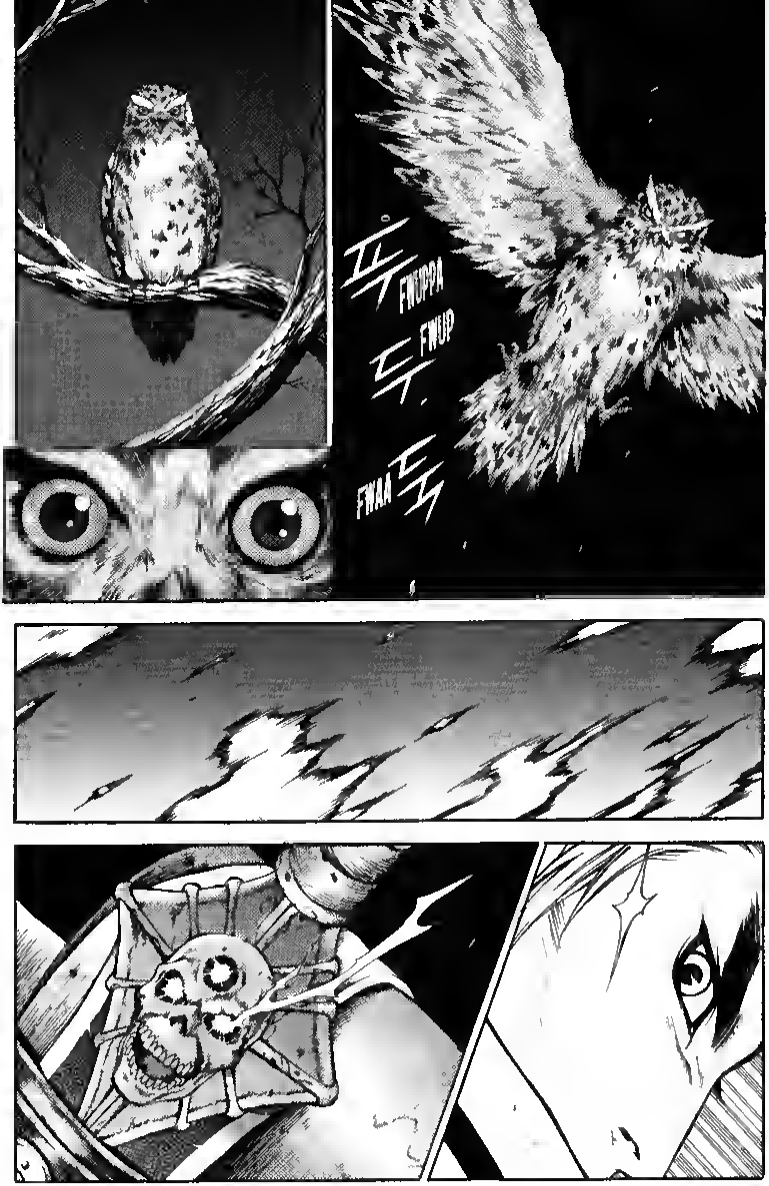

A BEAST PREVIOUSLY UNSEEN...
SURELY THIS MEANS THE TIME IS COMING!

WE MUST HURRY!


FWUPPA
FWUP
FWAA

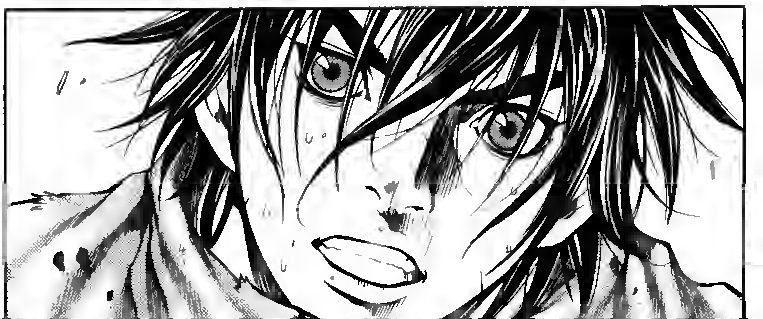
WAIT!
?!
...?
WHAT...WHAT IS IT?
DANGER. WE'RE BEING WATCHED.
DANGER ...?!
IS IT A MONSTER ?!

NO...
SHK
...IT'S WORSE THAN ANY MONSTER...

?!

GOTCHA!

AH...
KHAA HA HA! LET THE BLOOD FLOW!



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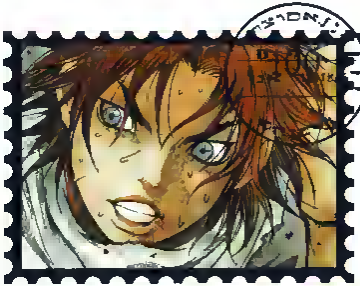

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Chapter 32
CRISIS

?!
MUAH!
TPP
TPP
KHAA HA HA! YER GETTIN' SLOW, BOY! TAKING A CUT FROM THESE AMATEURS...? PATHETIC!

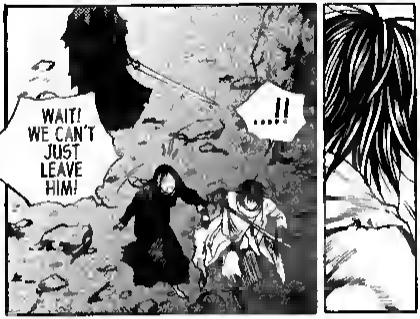
SO...
PWA-HAA!
...YOU JOKERS THINK YOU'RE PRETTY TOUGH, EH?

ALL RIGHT, THEN...THE KID GLOVES ARE OFF!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THESE FOOLS. YOU TWO GET AS FAR AWAY AS YOU CAN!
?!

OKAY... GOT IT!
...?!

LISTEN...
MY JOB IS TO TAKE YOU SAFELY TO YOUR DESTINATION. YOU HAVE A JOB, TOO!
LET'S LEAVE HIM TO HIS. WE'LL JUST GET IN HIS WAY.


WAIT! WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM!
...!!

.....
YES...I UNDERSTAND.

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
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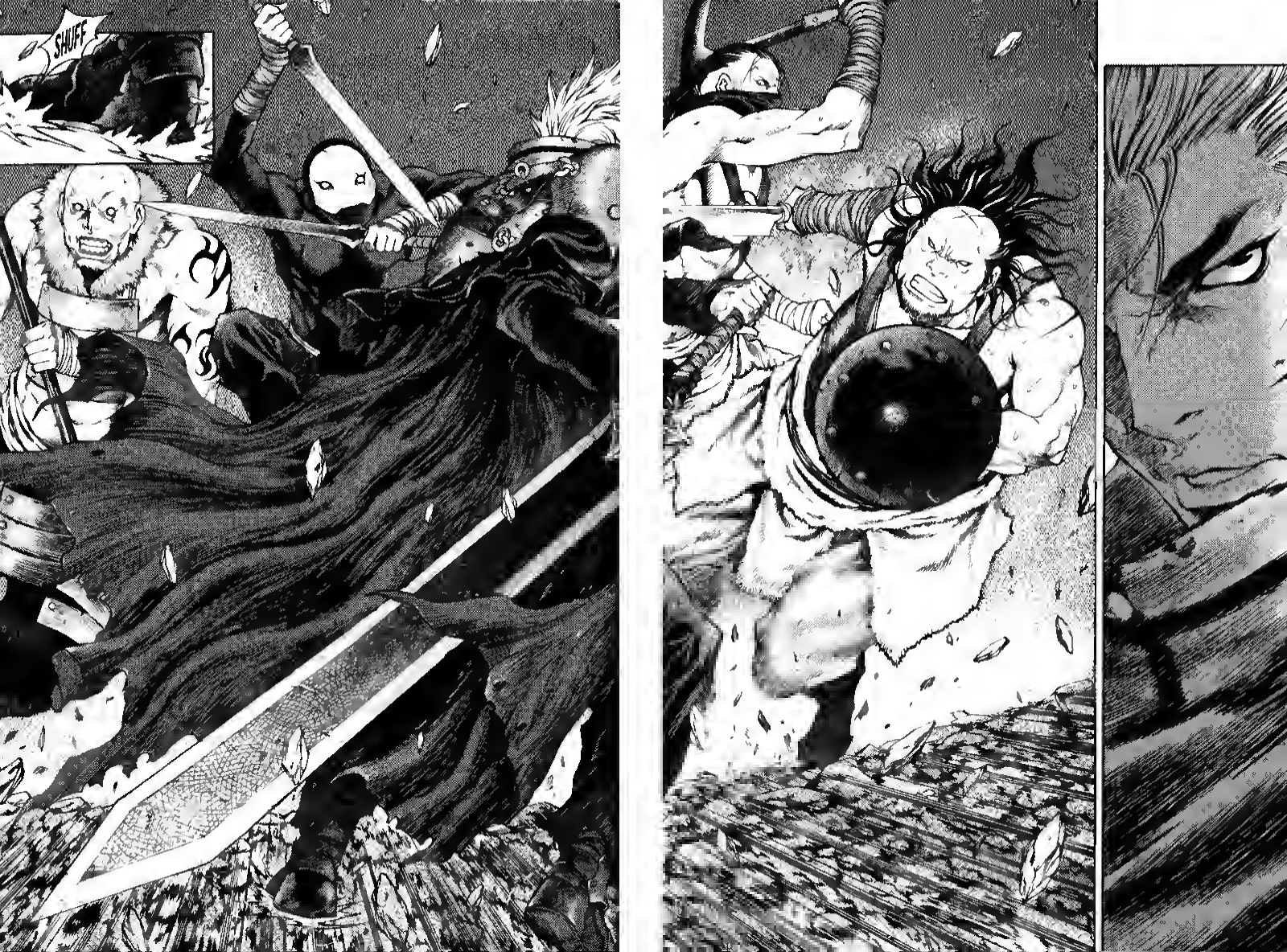
DISPOSE OF THIS FOOL! GRAB THE GIRL!
IT S SHOW TIME!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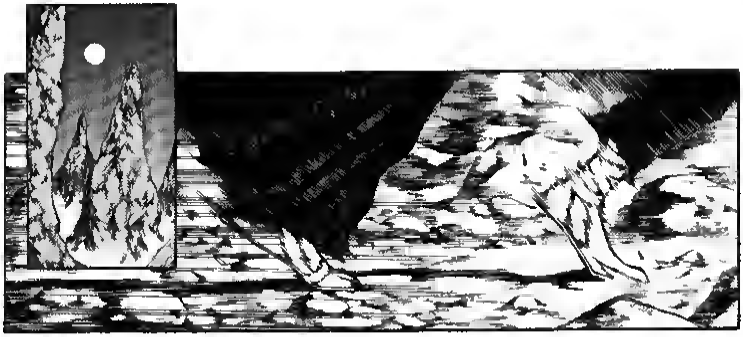

WATCH OUT!
WHOO
BAM!

AH..!
26
I SEE YOU'RE NO LONGER THE CONFUSED, FRIGHTENED LITTLE BOY YOU ONCE WERE.
IMPRES-SIVE!
?!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, RED EYES.
...!!

IF YOU'RE HERE...
...THEN MUAH...?!
...
27
HUH HUH HUH! LET'S JUST SAY...
...I GAVE HIM A HAND!

HM...
MAYBE I'VE OVERDONE IT...
YUMMM! THIS EVIL BLOOD S GOOD!
WAIT!
WASN'T THERE ANOTH--
KHHK!
?!

KHHK
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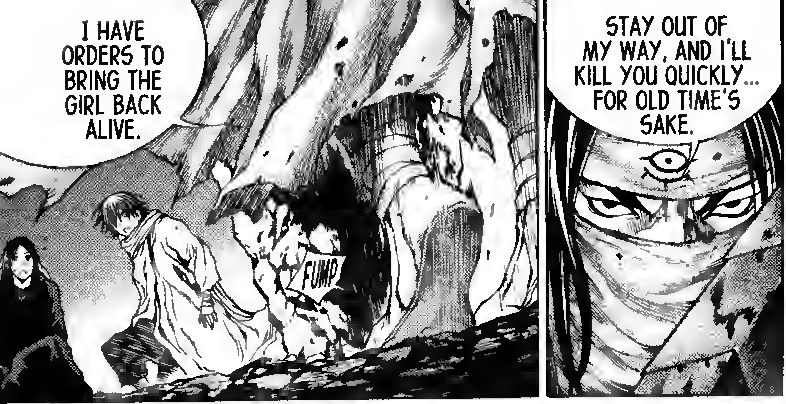
NOW...
...IT'S YOUR TURN, RED EYES!


I HAVE ORDERS TO BRING THE GIRL BACK ALIVE.
FUMP
STAY OUT OF MY WAY, AND I'LL KILL YOU QUICKLY... FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE.

AH...
HRRR...

RAAAGH!!
FOOL!
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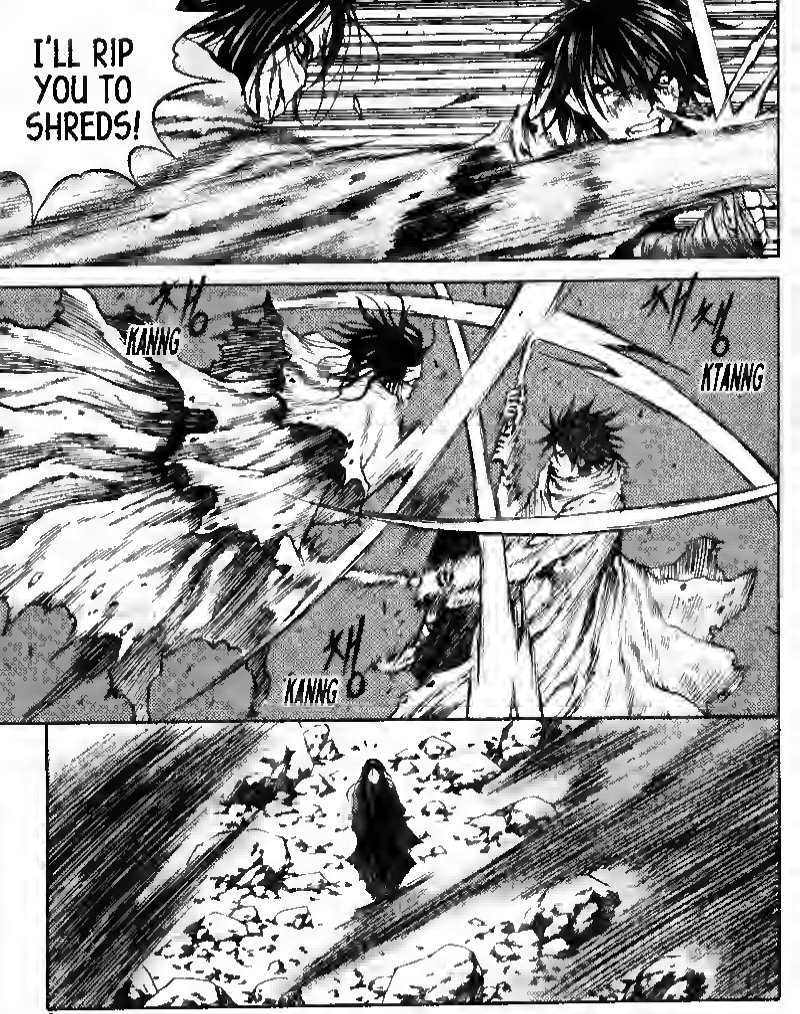
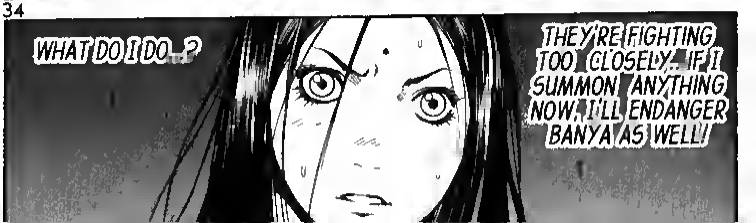
SHHH
KWWCH!

IDIOT...
KANNG

YOU CAN'T CUT ME!!
?!


I'LL RIP YOU TO SHREDS!
KANNG
KTANNG
KANNG


WHAT DO I DO...?
THEY'RE FIGHTING TOO CLOSELY. IF I SUMMON ANYTHING NOW, I'LL ENDANGER BANYA AS WELL!

KRACK
UFF!
!!

FAREWELL, RED EYES!

SHHH
SPTCH
?!
H-HOW DID--?!
IF YOU INTEND TO KILL SOMEONE, YOU'D BETTER MAKE SURE HE'S DEAD.

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Chapter 33
HARD JOURNEY

WHUMP
HFF...!
CHAK
YOU NUMBSKULL! I TOLD YOU NOT TO MOVE YET!
KHFF. I SAID. SHUT UP.
MUAH!
GO AHEAD--KILL YOURSELF!
HRGG ...
QUICK, LET ME--
?!

I'M ALL RIGHT. I JUST NEED A LITTLE REST!
B-BUT...
KHHK!
39
HRNGG!
KNCH
...?!

GRAAAH!

CHOK
CHOK
CHOK
CHOK
CHOK
YOWZA!
THIS KID'S ALL RIGHT AFTER ALL!
I THOUGHT I HAD IT BAD...
KAH-HAA! YEAH! YEAH! DICE THAT MOTHER--!
CHOK
CHOK
CHOK

HEY! CALM DOWN!
THAT'S ENOU--
KRAAGH!
42
!!
KRAAK
RAANG
GRRR...!
...!

HEY... DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE US?!
WHAT THE--?! WE JUST SAVED YOUR ASS, AND THIS IS HOW YOU REPAY US?!
AH...
MUAH! MAKE DOG FOOD OUTTA HIM!

HE'S GONE CRAZY WITH BLOODLUST!
HE'S A DANGER TO US ALL...
YEAH! LET'S KILL--

STOP!
NO MORE FIGHTING!
SHFF

GET BACK! HE'S DANGEROUS!
BANYA'S NOT IN HIS RIGHT MIND RIGHT NOW!

PLEASE...
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS!
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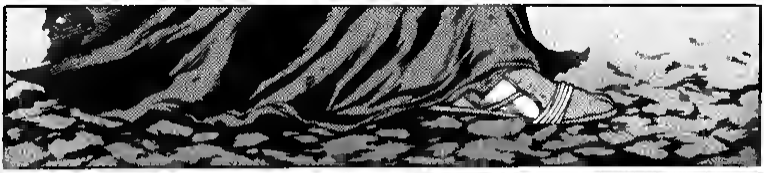
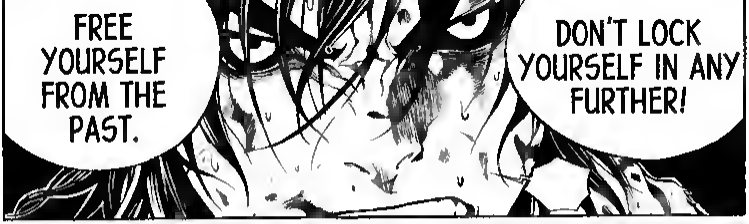
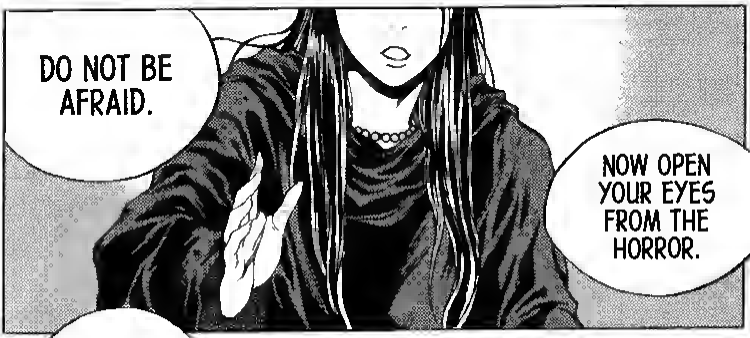


WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU LISTENIN' TA HER FOR?! KILL 'EM BOTH!
GRRR...!

BANYA.
GRAAH!

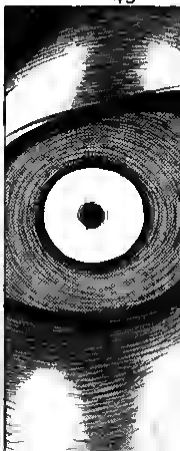
WE ARE NOT YOUR ENEMIES...
...AND YOU ARE NOT A MONSTER!


FREE YOURSELF FROM THE PAST.
DON'T LOCK YOURSELF IN ANY FURTHER!


DO NOT BE AFRAID.
NOW OPEN YOUR EYES FROM THE HORROR.

THIS IS NOT WHO YOU ARE, BANYA...
WAKE UP!

WAKE UP TO YOUR TRUE SELF!



MY...TRUE SELF...

BANYA! HURRY UP! WE'VE GOT A TON OF DELIVERIES TO MAKE!
BANYA, HURRY! YOU'LL GET LEFT BEHIND!
COME ON!

KHHK!

AH...
UH...
FWMP

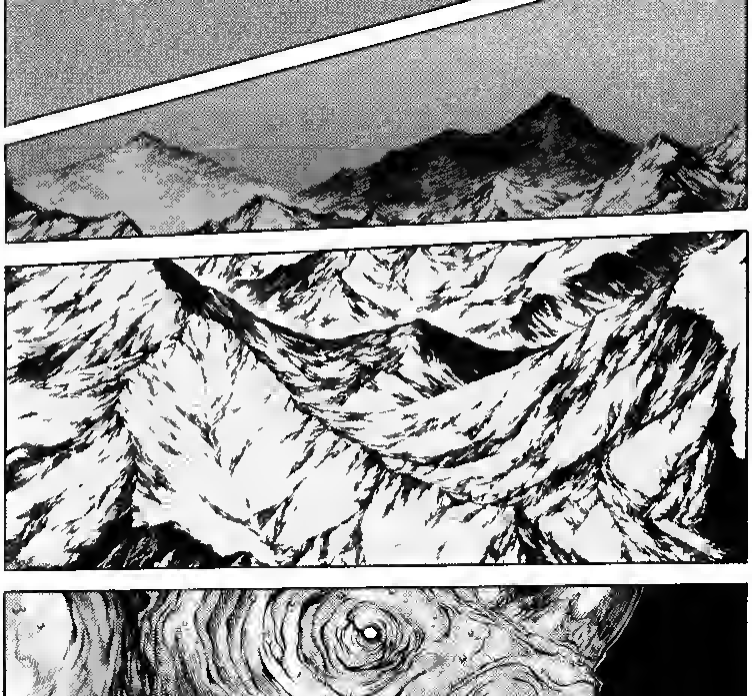
WAS THAT YOUR DOING?
UM...
...NO...
BAH! BORING...

BANYA PULLED *HIMSELF* TO THE SURFACE.
I JUST SHOWED HIM THE WAY.
...
WELL, I'M JUST GLAD HE DIDN'T HURT YOU--OR HIMSELF.
AWWW! WHAT'S NEXT? COOKIES AND MILK?! BAH!

KRAAR!

MY LORD, WE'RE TAKING HEAVY LOSSES FROM THESE MONSTER ATTACKS!
THIRTEEN CASUALTIES, AND TWENTY-FOUR OTHERS INJURED!
WE NEED TO TAKE A SHORT BREAK TO TREAT THE WOUNDED, MY LORD!
LEAVE THEM!
MY LORD?!
WE DON'T HAVE A MOMENT TO SPARE!
THOSE WHO CAN'T WALK WILL BE LEFT BEHIND!

BUT, MY LORD THEY'LL BE DEFENSELESS AGAINST ANOTHER ATTACK.
YES...THEY'LL BUY US SOME TIME BY ATTRACTING THE OTHER MONSTERS IN THE VICINITY.
TIME IS RUNNING OUT. PREPARE TO LEAVE!
YES, MY LORD!
SOON...
...VERY SOON!
...
THIS CONTINENT WILL BE MINE!
WHA-WHAT'S HAPPENING? I'M SCARED..



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Chapter 34

ENTRANCE TO THE BLACK MOUNTAIN

FWNTCH
CHUNK
NNN...

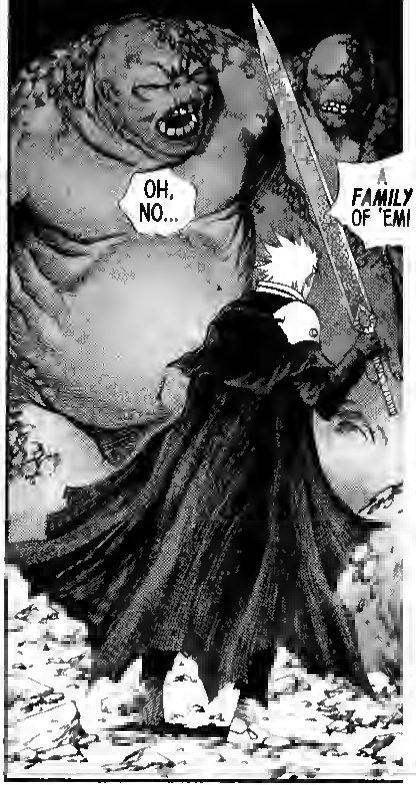
BAM
?!
HOLY CAMEL FARTS! THE BOY IS *RIPE!* PTOO PTOO PTOO!
GOOD GRAVY...!
THERE'S NOTHING LIKE FRESH BLOOD I TELL YA!
...

THIS IS JUST A SNEAK PREVIEW.
THERE'LL BE A LOT MORE AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE BLACK MOUNTAIN.
I TOLD YOU! THE LAND OF DEATH IS SWARMING WITH MONSTERS!
SNFF! SNIFF!
YO, MUAH, DID YOU JUST CRAP YOUR PANTS OR--?

THMP

GRRR...

YOIKS !!
...!


OH, NO...
A FAMILY OF 'EM!

SO... MANY...

OH, HELL NO! YOU BEST NOT STICK ME IN ALL THESE DUNG PILES!
DAMN...
ANY IDEAS?
...
I GOT ONE...

GRAAH

RUN!
RUN LIKE HELL!
HURRY!

HUFF!
COULD WE TAKE A LITTLE BREAK?

I...I'M SORRY...
WE SHOULD REALLY KEEP MOVING...
...BUT I SUPPOSE WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
LET ME JUST SCOUT OUT THE AREA TO MAKE SURE IT'S SAFE.
Who knows what kinda monsters are lurking about

...
WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE A DELIVERY MAN SHOW US THE WAY.
Even if I took care of all the monsters
YES.
STILL..HE'S DANGEROUS. IF HE CHANGES BACK TO THE WAY HE WAS BEFORE...
...THEN...
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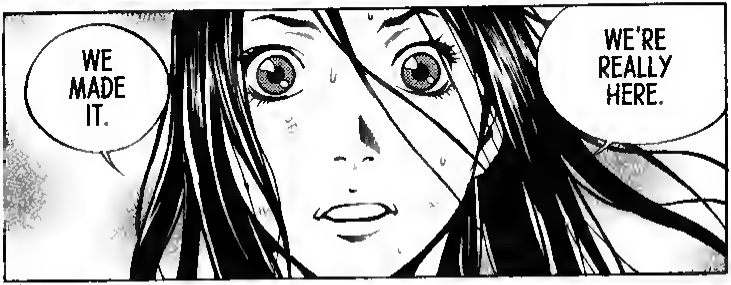
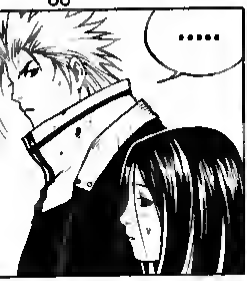
OVER HERE!
QUICK, GET OVER HERE!
WHAT ...?

THERE IT IS...
...THE BLACK MOUNTAIN... WHEREIN THE DRAGON SLEEPS...


WE MADE IT.
WE'RE REALLY HERE.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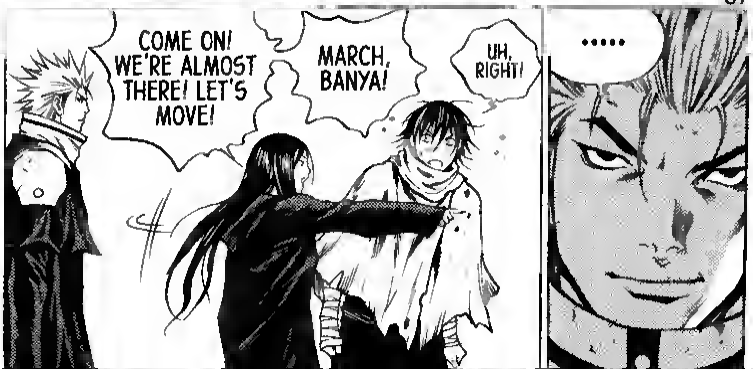
..ARE YOU AFRAID?

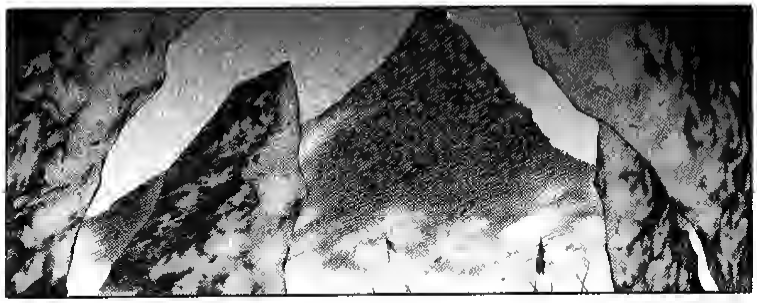
NO...
OF COURSE NOT.

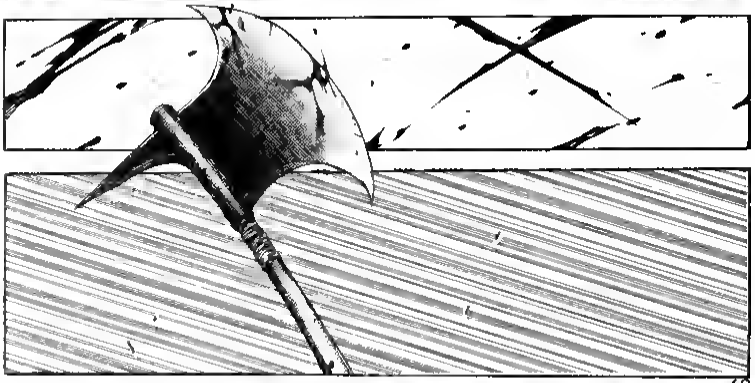
SISTER JIAHN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS!
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO TURN BACK...
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

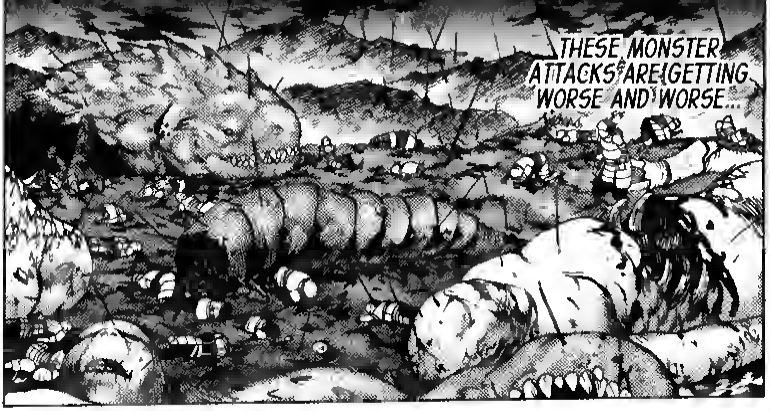
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE OF SUCCESS. THE DRAGON MAY END UP DESTROYING EVERYTHING, REGARDLESS OF YOUR ACTIONS.
NO ONE'S GOING TO BLAME YOU FOR ANYTHING!
EVEN STILL...
...TO BE HONEST, I'M SCARED OUT OF MY WITS. BUT...
...I'VE LIVED MY WHOLE LIFE KNOWING THAT THIS WAS MY FATE!
AND...I WOULD GLADLY SACRIFICE MY ONE MEAGER LIFE FOR THE SAKE OF THE ENTIRE CONTINENT!
Besides we're already here. It would be harder to go back.


COME ON! WE'RE ALMOST THERE! LET'S MOVE!
MARCH, BANYA!
UH, RIGHT!
.....

SAY WHAT?! IF I HAVE TO CHOKE ON ANOTHER STINKIN' MONSTER--
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! DON'T GO RUSHING OFF LIKE THAT! GET BEHIND ME, SISTER!



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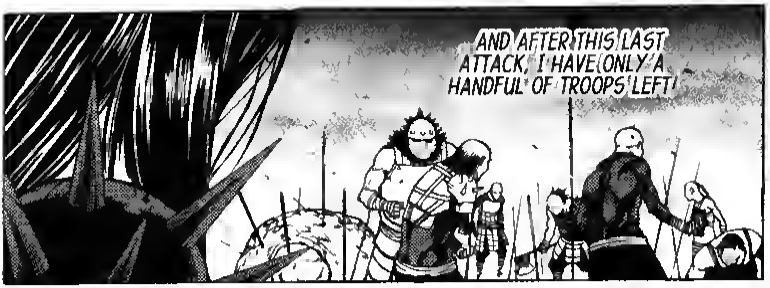

AND AFTER THIS LAST ATTACK, I HAVE ONLY A HANDFUL OF TROOPS LEFT!

DAMN! WE HAVE TO HURRY!
KHH...

MY LORD! WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM!

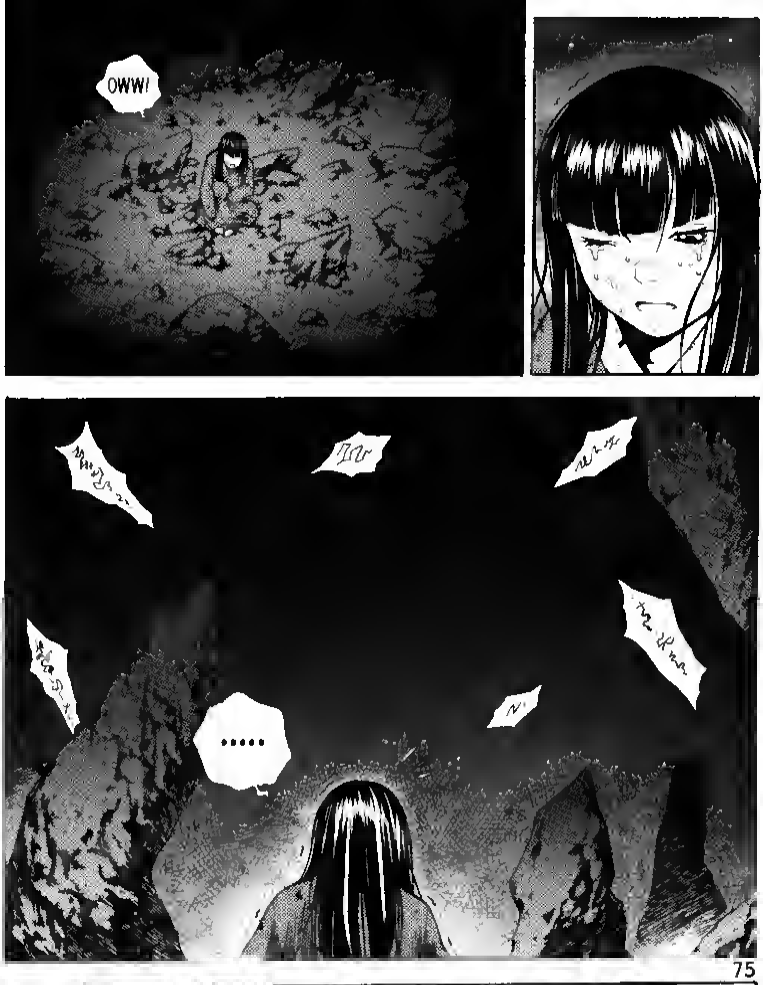
WHAT--?!

!!
THE CAGE MUST HAVE BEEN DAMAGED DURING THE ATTACK
THE GIRL... MUST'VE MADE A BREAK FOR IT...
RRR!

I...
I'M SORRY. MY LO--
YOU BRAINLESS FOOL!
CAN'T YOU EVEN HOLD ONTO A LITTLE GIRL?!

FIND HER!! NOW!!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THE GIRL, I WILL KILL YOU ALL!
Y-YES, MY LORD!
AAAARRGH!

NNGH...
EEK!
YAAH!


OWW!
.....

SNFF...
I'M SCARED...
FCH
?!

WHAT THE--?! A CHILD...?
HOW DID YOU...?
?!

AH!
Y-YOU!
OH...!

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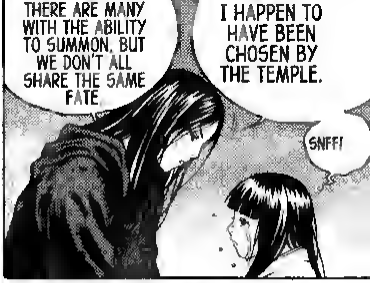
Chapter 35
REUNION

SO, THEN...
...YOU ESCAPED DURING THE MONSTERS' ATTACK...?
BUT... WHY IN THE WORLD DID THEY DRAG A LITTLE KID TO THIS HELLHOLE?
SNFF!

THIS CHILD...
...HAS THE SAME GIFTS AS I DO.
NOW WE GOT A KID?!
SHE'S GOT YOUR POWERS? THEN YOU'RE NOT THE CHOSEN ONE?


THERE ARE MANY WITH THE ABILITY TO SUMMON, BUT WE DON'T ALL SHARE THE SAME FATE.
I HAPPEN TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY THE TEMPLE.
SNFF!

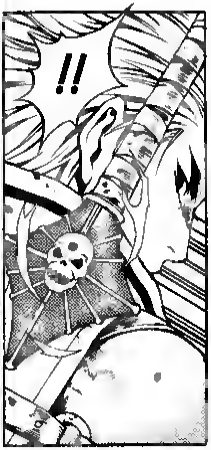
SO WHAT DO THEY WANT WITH THIS GIRL...?

THOSE FOOLS...
THEY WANT TO USE THIS GIRL TO CONTROL THE DRAGON.

BASTARDS...HOW COULD THEY MISTREAT AN INNOCENT CHILD LIKE THIS...

.....
DANG, SHE'S PISSED!
Whoa! Scary!

LEMME KILL HER! PROBLEM SOLVED!
SHUT IT
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WHAT NOW? WE CAN'T TAKE HER BACK AFTER COMING THIS FAR...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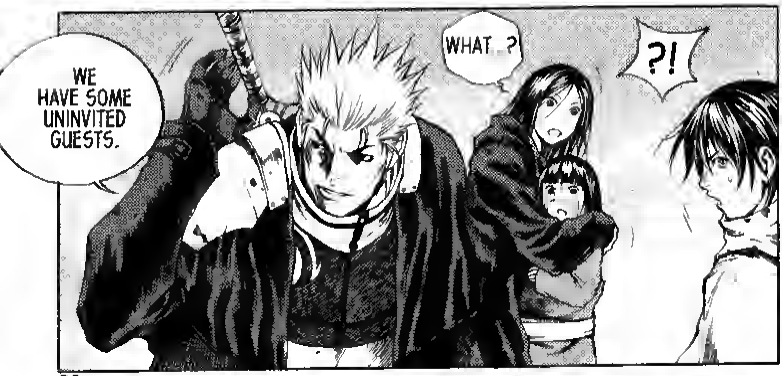
WHAT ?
?!
WE HAVE SOME UNINVITED GUESTS.

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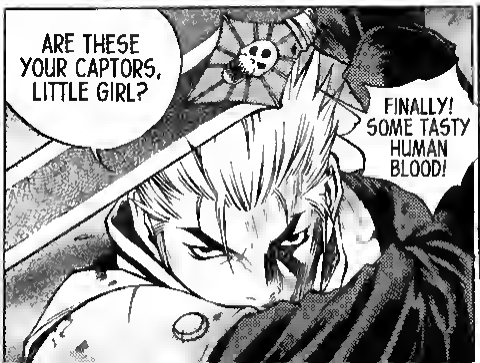
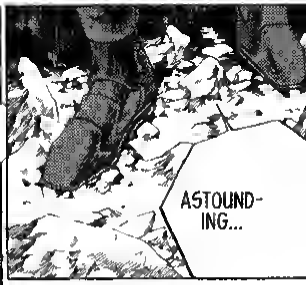

ARE THESE YOUR CAPTORS, LITTLE GIRL?
FINALLY! SOME TASTY HUMAN BLOOD!


ASTOUND-ING...

IF YOU'RE HERE, THEN TAEHWA MUST HAVE FAILED.
I'M IMPRESSED.
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BUT NO MATTER.
...YOU'VE MADE THINGS *EASIER* FOR ME. EVERYONE I WAS LOOKING FOR IS *RIGHT HERE.*
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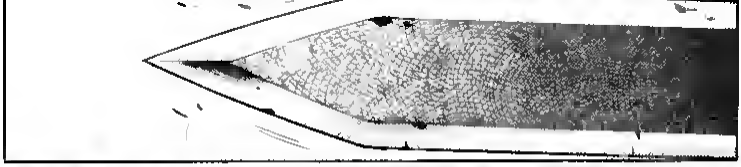
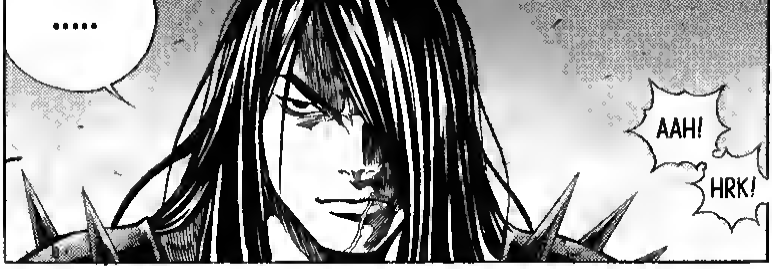


LEAVE THEM TO ME.
YOU THREE GET OUT OF HERE! NOW!
IT'S BUFFET TIME!

KILL HIM!

ACK!
ARGH!
HYAA!
DIE!

AUGH!
HGKK!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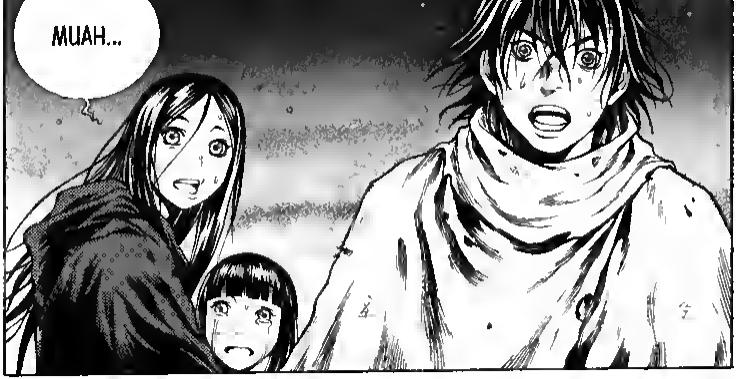
AAH!
HRK!

NOT BAD.
SHK

TWIST
DIE.
URRRK--
MUAH!


MUAH...

LONG TIME NO SEE...
...RED EYES.

IS THAT ANY WAY TO GREET YOUR MASTER?
HAS IT BEEN *SO LONG* THAT YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ME?

NO...NO...I...I'M...

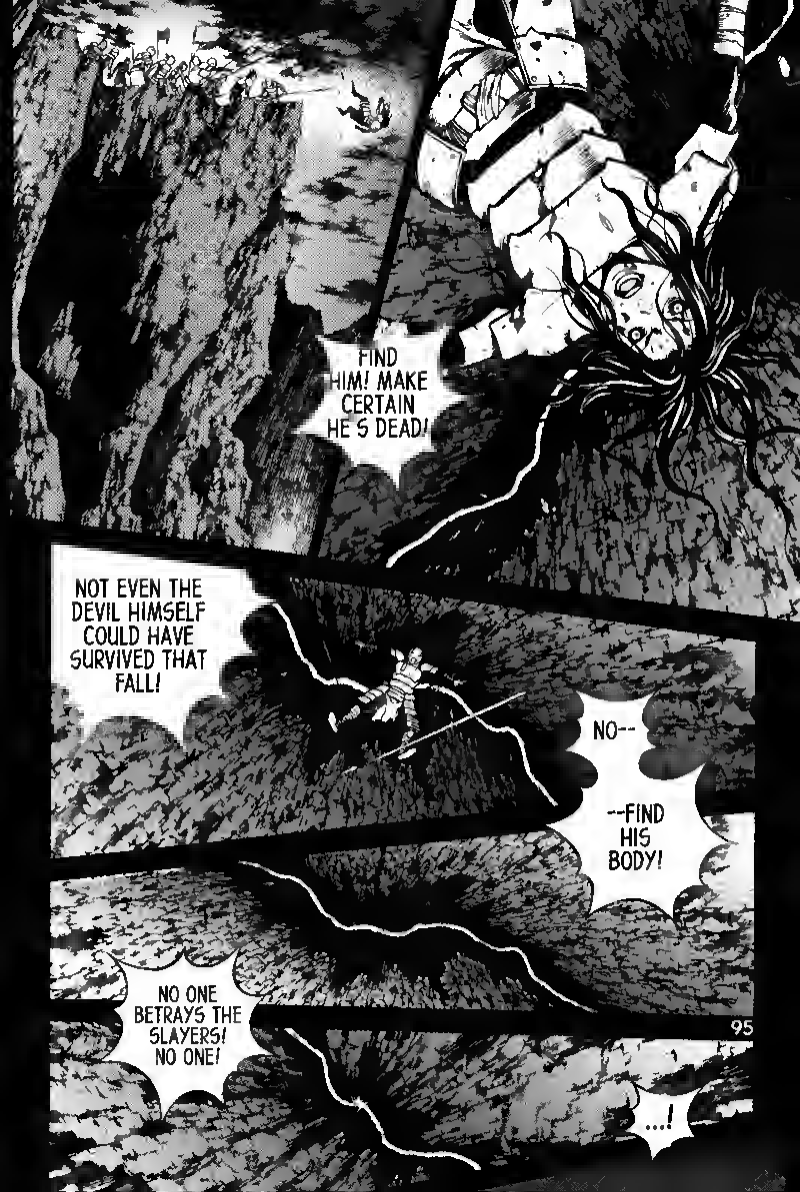
I...DON'T WANT TO KILL...

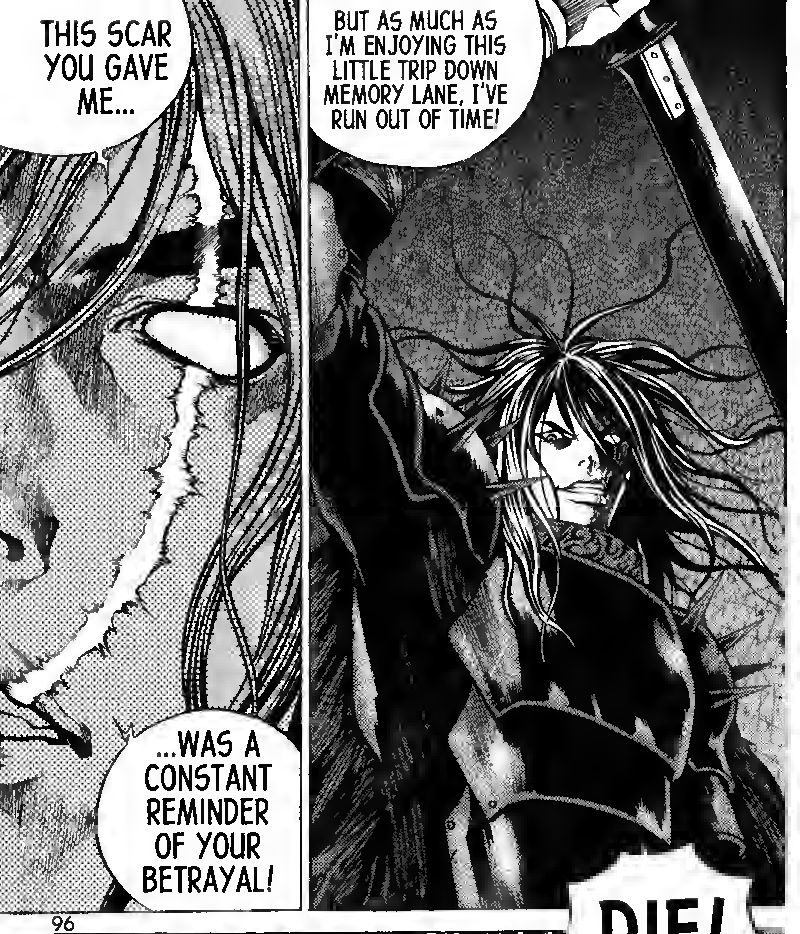
NO...NO MORE KILLING...

ENOUGH...

THAT'S ENOUGH!!

RED EYES?! HOW DARE YOU!!
KILL THIS TRAITOR!
KILL!


FIND HIM! MAKE CERTAIN HE'S DEAD!
NOT EVEN THE DEVIL HIMSELF COULD HAVE SURVIVED THAT FALL!
NO--
--FIND HIS BODY!
NO ONE BETRAYS THE SLAYERS! NO ONE!
...!


THIS SCAR YOU GAVE ME...
...WAS A CONSTANT REMINDER OF YOUR BETRAYAL!
BUT AS MUCH AS I'M ENJOYING THIS LITTLE TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE, I'VE RUN OUT OF TIME!

DIE!

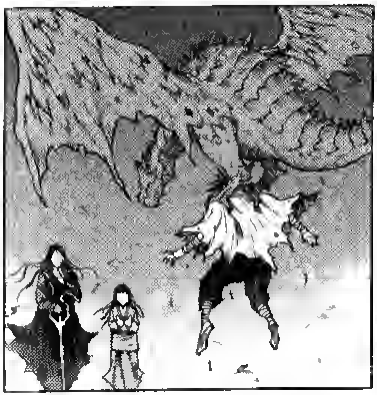
KOOM
KOOM

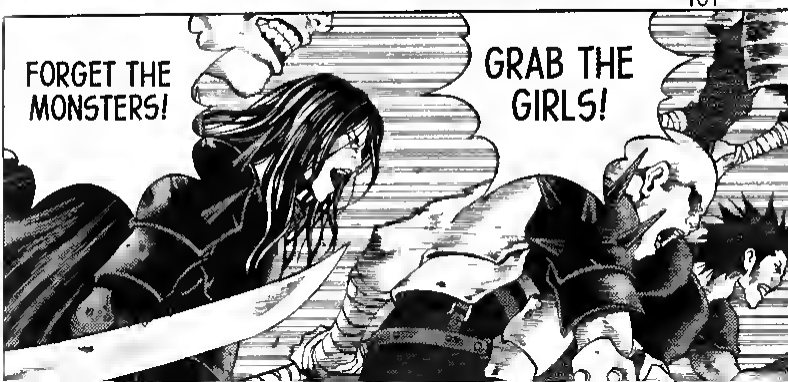
KOOM
KOOM
KOOM
!!

SHE MUST BE THE MONK!
?!

HRRK!
LITTLE WITCHES...!

MMPH!




FORGET THE MONSTERS!
GRAB THE GIRLS!

GGRRR

HRAA!

CHOMP

!!

103
!!
BAM!

KRAAK
KRAAKAAK
104
!!
EEE!

KHAA HAA!
YOU FOOL! WHAT YOU SEEK TO DO IS IMPOSSIBLE!
WHEN THE DRAGON AWAKENS, THE CONTINENT WILL BE DESTROYED!
105
THE CONTINENT DESTROYED... THAT DOESN'T SOUND SO BAD!
WELL...LET'S SEE IF THIS GOD OF DESTRUCTION LIVES UP TO HIS NAME!
EH?

WHAT'S THIS? STILL ALIVE?
YOU ARE A *FEISTY ONE!*

BUT YOU WON'T BE SO LUCKY A SECOND TIME!
HEH!
LOOK WHO ELSE IS BACK...

GRAAAGH!

KA-KRANG
RANNG

HRRK!

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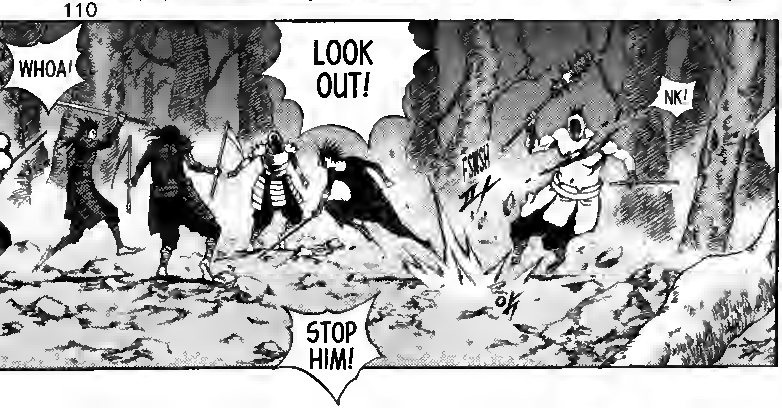

YAARGH!

KHHK!
RED EYES!

KOOM
KOOM
KRANG
KANNG
PKOOM
EEE!

ALL BUT ONE OF YOUR MEN HAVE FALLEN!
...

KRRK
CHRK
...
TCH TCH

YOU...
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

WELL...I'M IMMORTAL, FOR STARTERS!

IMMORTAL, MY EYE! I WILL TAKE YOUR LIFE!

UMM--
--WAIT!

I SUGGEST WE GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE FIRST...

...!
ALL THE MONSTERS ARE GATHERING HERE

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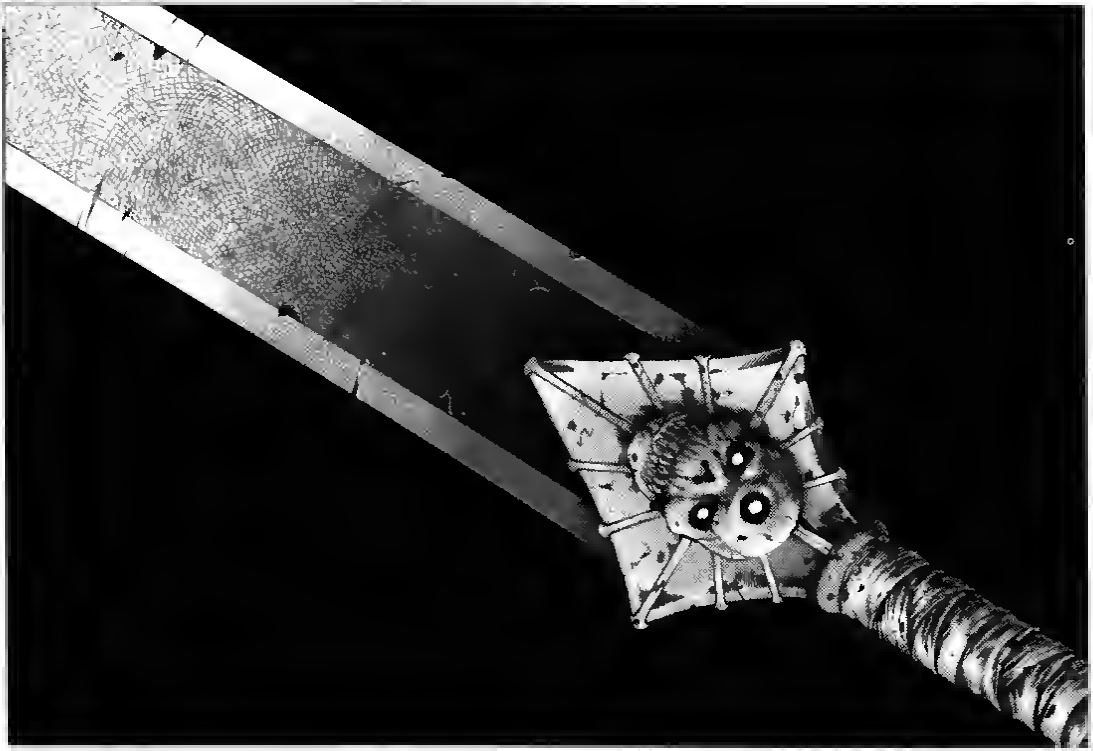

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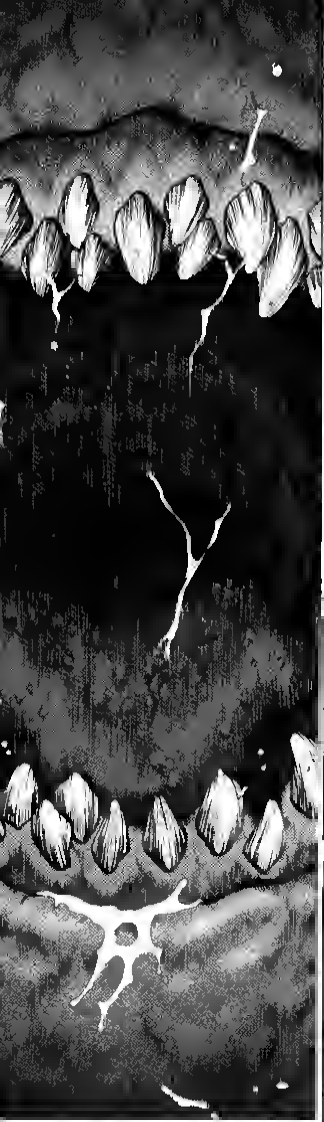
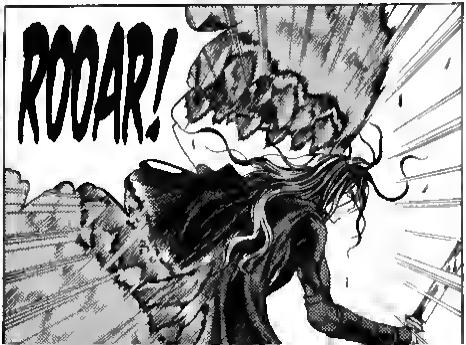
ATTACKED
HOOWEE! GET THESE FELLAS SOME DEODORANT!



GRAAH!


ROOAR!

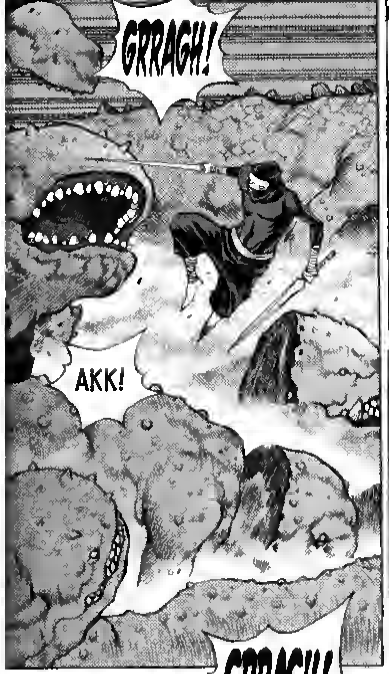
!!

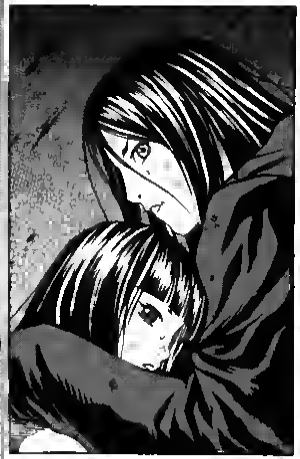
DON'T THANK ME YET!
YOU'RE NEXT IN LINE AFTER THESE MONSTERS!

GRR!

FWOO!
KNNCH!
RED EYES...
NICE!
GRRR!
GRRR!
KAAGH!
RRR!

GRAA!
RRR!


GRRAGH!
AKK!



GRRAGH!
RRR!

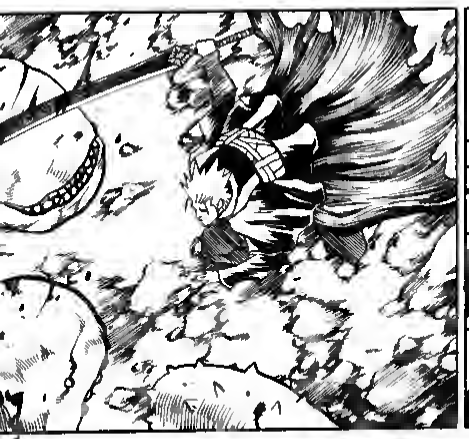
ROOOAARR
RRRR

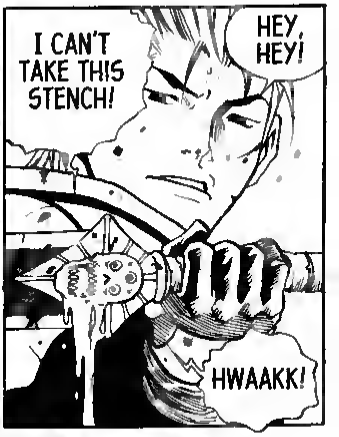
YOU FOOL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THOSE GIRLS BECAUSE OF YOUR INCOMPETENCE, I'LL KILL YOU MYSELF!
HRRR!

ROOOAARR
RRRR
RRRR

KHHK!
GRK!

ENOUGH ALREADY!
I'M GONNA HURL!




I CAN'T TAKE THIS STENCH!
HEY, HEY!
HWAAKK!

FWOO
WOOSH!

?!

WHAA
ARGH!
BAMM
HUMP
MUAH!
UHHH...
HUH?

!!
CHOMP
CHOK
CHOK
RAAGH
YAAAH!

EEEK!

WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE TIME TO WASTE ON THESE MONSTERS!
WE GO TO WHERE THE DRAGON SLEEPS!
WAAAH!
RRRGG!
IT WAS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, RED EYES!

I'LL KILL YOU SOME OTHER TIME!

GRRAAA!!

I HAVE THE SUMMONERS!
THE LOSSES WERE HEAVY... BUT I HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED!

ALL THAT
REMAINS IS
THE BIRTH OF
A NEW RULER!

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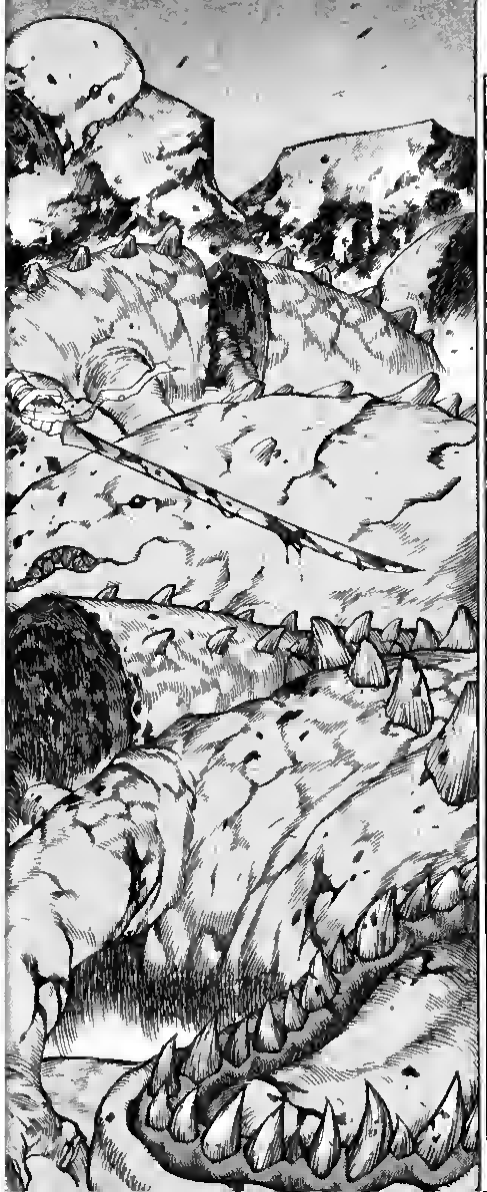
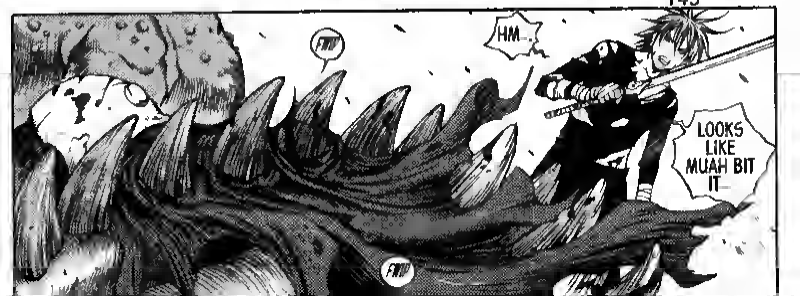


Chapter 37

AWAKENING

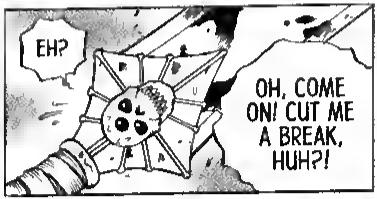
KHHR...
HEY!
HEY!
OVER HERE!

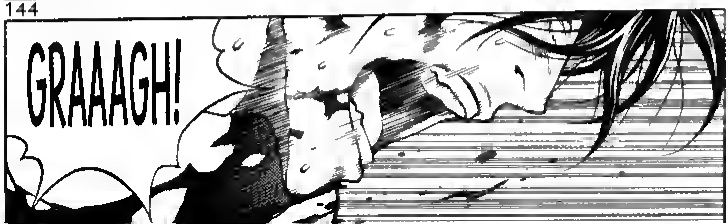
GET ME OUTTA THIS STINK PIT!
HURRY! HGK!
C'MON! TAKE ME OUT OF HERE BEFORE I CHOKE TO DEATH!
PWO
.....
PWOO HOO! OH, SWEETNESS! I FEEL ALIVE AGAIN!

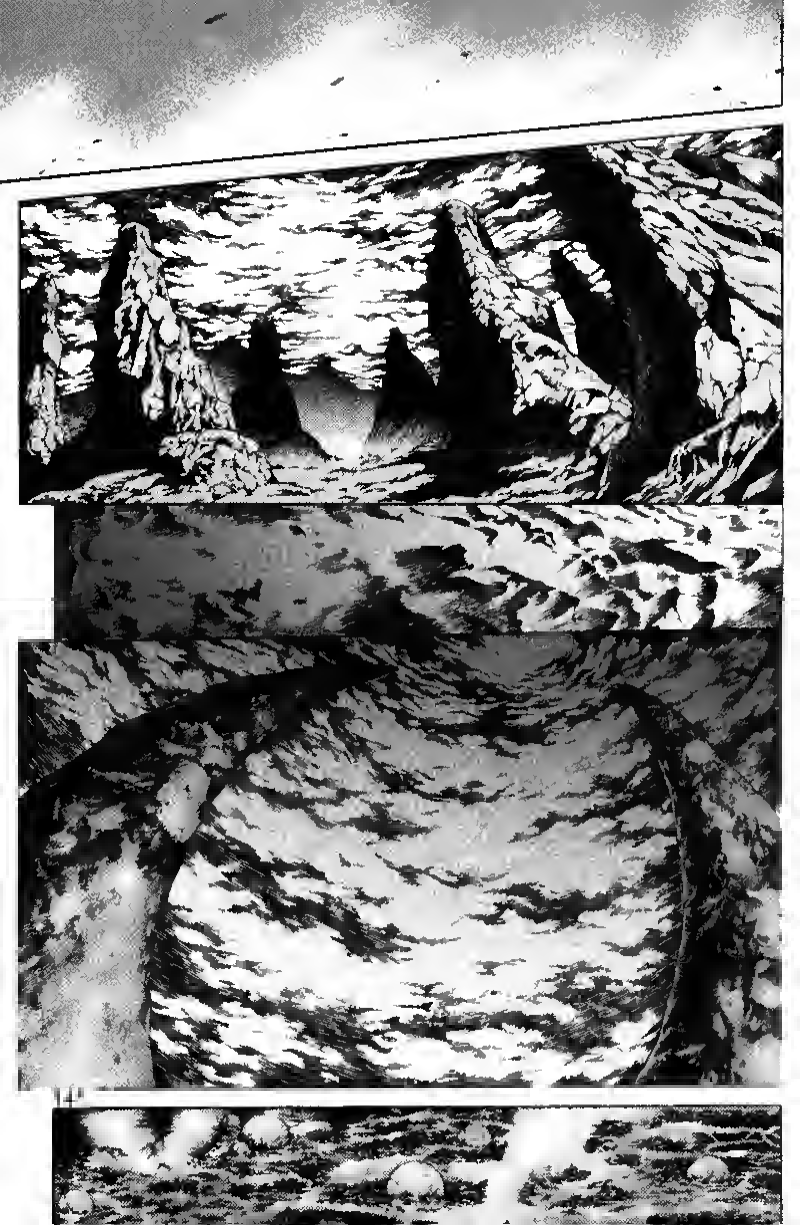

HM...
LOOKS LIKE MUAH BIT IT

!!
OH FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD! WHERE DO THEY END?!
im sick of this!

HFF!


EH?
OH, COME ON! CUT ME A BREAK, HUH?!


GRAAAGH!



THERE.
THE DRAGON...
SHUF

AHEEE
HUH?
AHWEEEEEEE
HEEEEEE

OH. HO! WHAT'S THIS? EVEN NOW I CAN FEEL HIS POWER! *SUCH POWER!*
TSH
TSH
TSH
HE'LL SURELY BE *INCENSED* WHEN HE'S SO RUDELY AWAKENED!

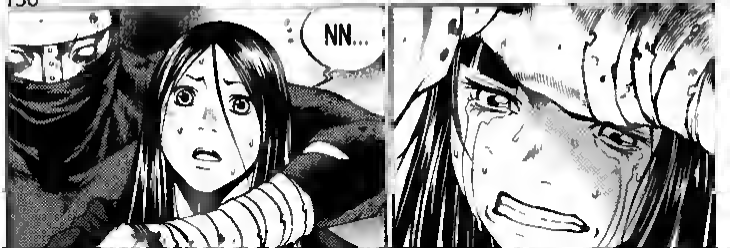
PLEASE!
STOP THIS MADNESS!
...

YOU ARE NOT THINKING RATIONALLY!
IF YOU AWAKEN THE DRAGON, IT WILL DESTROY THIS LAND!
EVERYONE WILL BE SLAUGHTERED!

KHEH HEH!

WOULD *YOU* LIKE TO SAVE THEM?
EVERYONE ON THIS CONTINENT?

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
COULD YOU STAND BY AND WATCH THIS LITTLE GIRL GET KILLED?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
EEK!
NO!!
AAAGH!
YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M DOING, DON'T YOU?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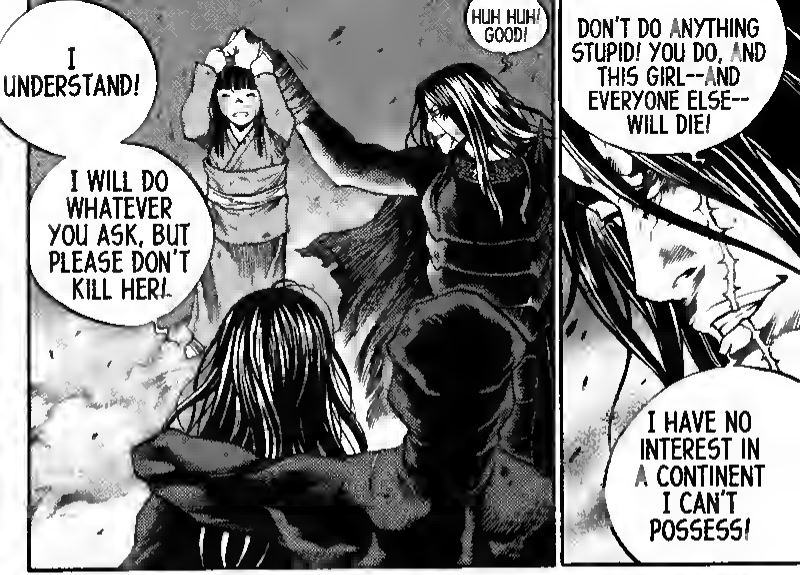
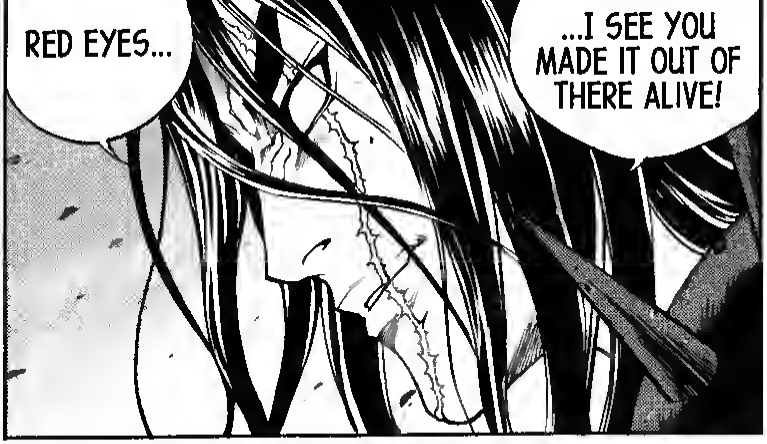

I UNDERSTAND!
I WILL DO WHATEVER YOU ASK, BUT PLEASE DON'T KILL HER!
HUH HUH! GOOD!
DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID! YOU DO, AND THIS GIRL--AND EVERYONE ELSE-- WILL DIE!
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN A CONTINENT I CAN'T POSSESS!

IT'S OKAY... IT'S OKAY...
UWAAAH!

NOW, THEN...
...LET'S GO WAKE THIS SLEEPING DRAGON!

KKKKK
EH?
!!

HEY NUMBNUTS! I TOLD YA NOT TO DRAG ME! YOU WANNA DIE?!


RED EYES...
...I SEE YOU MADE IT OUT OF THERE ALIVE!

KGGRRRR...

BANYA!

I'LL FINISH HIM, MY LORD!
NO!
YOU TAKE THE GIRLS AND GO AHEAD OF ME!
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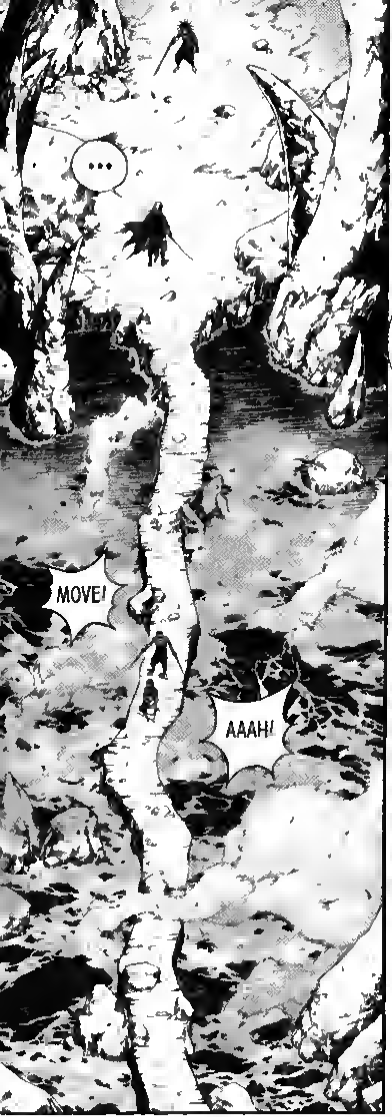
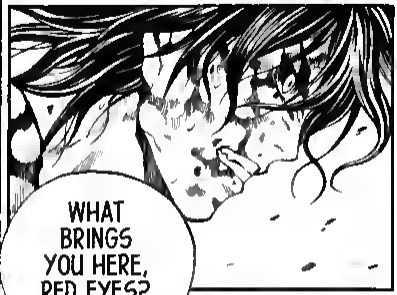
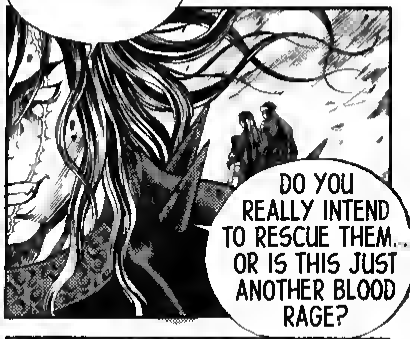
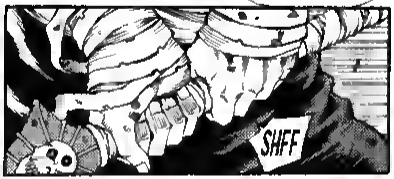
I NEED TO KILL RED EYES WITH MY OWN HANDS!
BESIDES, I DESERVE A LITTLE ENTER-TAINMENT!
YES, MY LORD!


...
MOVE!
AAAH!


WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, RED EYES?


DO YOU REALLY INTEND TO RESCUE THEM, OR IS THIS JUST ANOTHER BLOOD RAGE?


SHFF

SHWOOO
WOOOOSH

WHAT IS THIS? I EXPECTED TO BE ENTERTAINED!
DON'T BORE ME, RED EYES!
YOU IDIOT! CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING BUT WAVE ME AROUND?!
C'MON, I NEED ME SOME HUMAN BLOOD!
GRRR...

RAAAGH!!
HEY! HEY! NO DRAGGING!
DON'T TAKE YOUR ANGER OUT ON ME!

KAKRANGG
KHAA! HA HA! NICE TRY, RED EYES!
I... AM...

...A DELIVERY... MAN...
BANYA!!
!!
HYAH!
THMP
AARRGH!

CHHK
THIS IS WHERE IT ENDS!
DIE!
KOOO
KOOM

FASTER! MOVE!
HUH?
...
WHO... WHO GOES THERE?!

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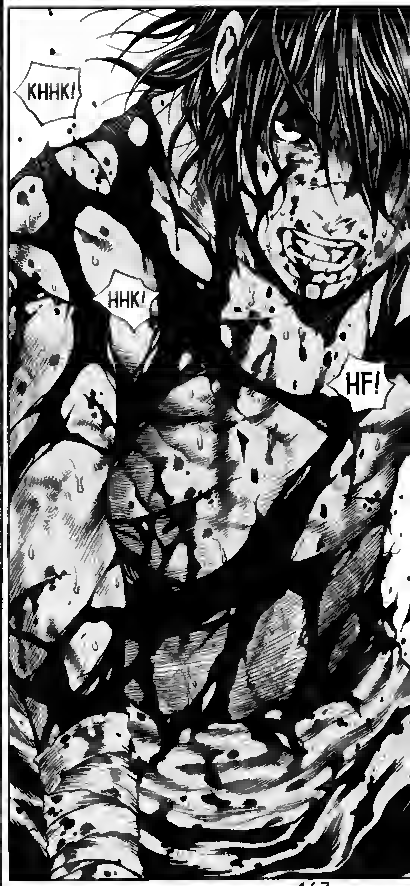
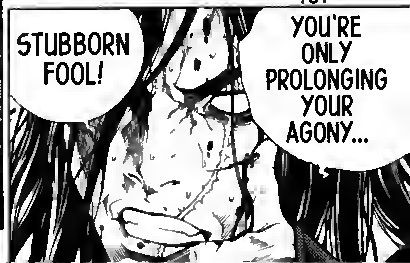
Chapter 38
TRUTH OF THE DRAGON

HF!
HF!


KHHK!
HHK!
HF!


STUBBORN FOOL!
YOU'RE ONLY PROLONGING YOUR AGONY...

YOUR CURSED LIFE...!
I'LL END IT FOR YOU!
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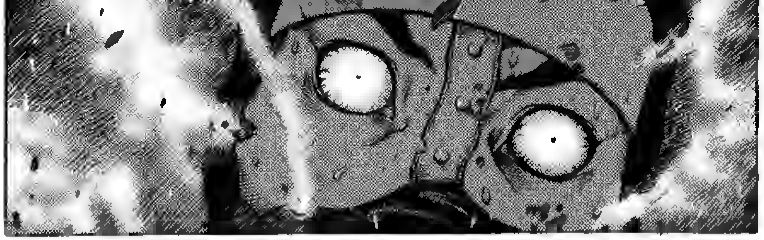
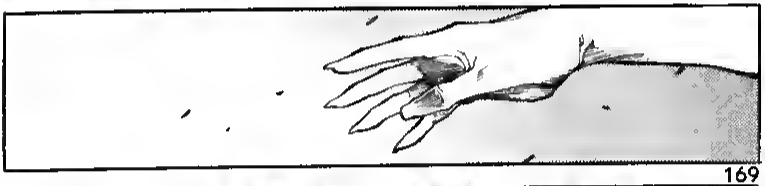
KHHK!
DIE, RED--
AAARRRRGH!
?!





YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
MUAH!
?!
WAIT!
?!

WHO...?
WHO ARE YOU?!
...
YOU LOOK LIKE HIM, BUT YOU ARE NOT MUAH!
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YES...
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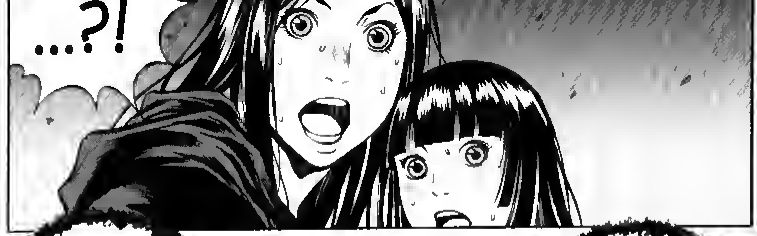
...IT'S TRUE.
MUAH IS ONLY MY HUMAN FORM...

...WHICH I USED TO VISIT THE HUMAN WORLD!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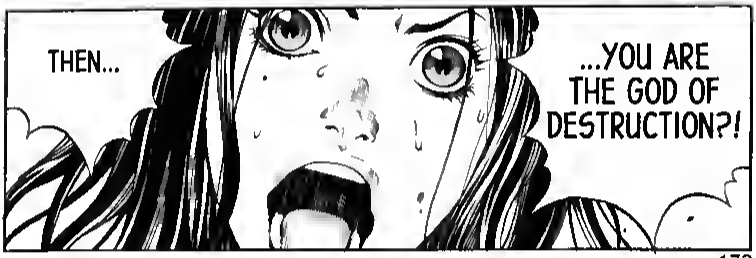
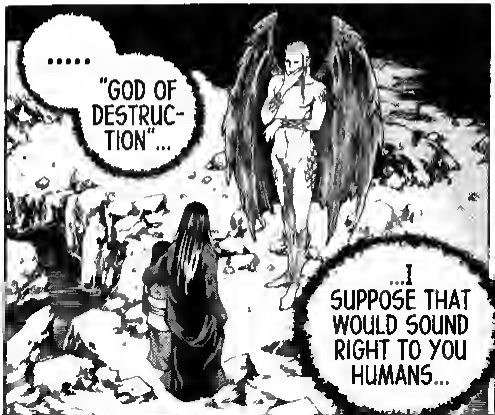
ARE YOU SURPRISED BY MY APPEARANCE?
DID YOU NOT COME HERE LOOKING FOR ME?


THEN...
...YOU ARE THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION?!


.....
"GOD OF DESTRUC-TION"...
...I SUPPOSE THAT WOULD SOUND RIGHT TO YOU HUMANS...

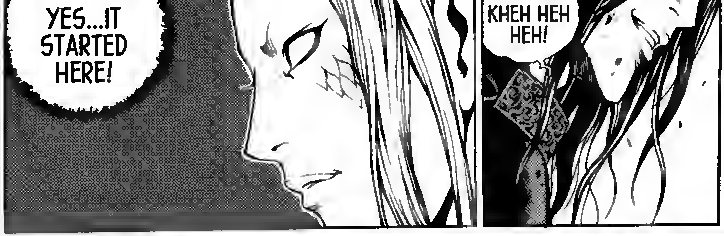
WHAT?!

THIS CAN'T BE!
YOU ARE THE DRAGON?!
?!

AH...

.....

SPEAK!
YOU'RE THE DRAGON WHO LAID WASTE TO THE LAND A THOUSAND YEARS AGO?!


YES...IT STARTED HERE!
KHEH HEH HEH!

WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT... I WAS EXPECTING THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION TO BE A BIT MORE... IMPRESSIVE...
DO YOU REALLY HAVE THE POWER TO DESTROY THE CONTINENT?!

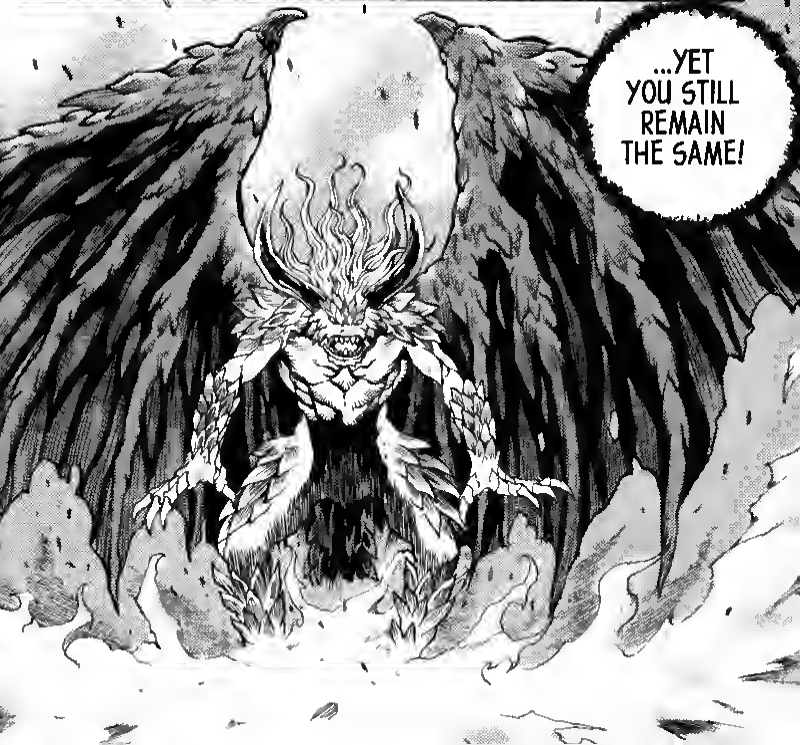
IF SO...
...MAKE ME, KAMUTU, THE RULER!

.....
FOOLISH HUMAN...

FWAP

HKK...!

YOU FOOLISH, ARROGANT HUMAN!
I GAVE YOU HUMANS ONE THOUSAND YEARS TO CHANGE...


...YET YOU STILL REMAIN THE SAME!

IS DESTROYING EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU THE ONLY WAY TO RID THE WORLD OF YOUR GREED AND SELFISHNESS ?!
THEN SO BE IT!

YESSS... THAT'S IT! THE POWER...I CAN FEEL IT!
THIS IS WHAT I WANTED TO SEE!
!!
MY HEART...IT HURTS...
HE COULD WIPE OUT ALL LIFE IN HIS FURY...
...BUT...I FEEL AS THOUGH MY HEART IS BEING TORN...SUCH GREAT SADNESS... WHAT...?

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!
USE YOUR POWER! TAKE THE DRAGON UNDER YOUR CONTROL!!
HRRK!
WITH IT I COULD RULE THE CONTINENT! NO, THE ENTIRE WORLD!
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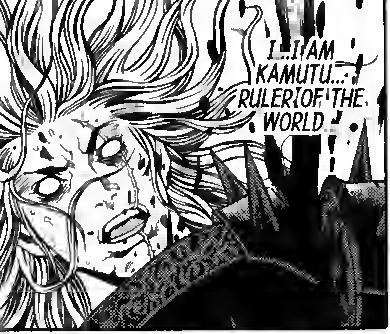
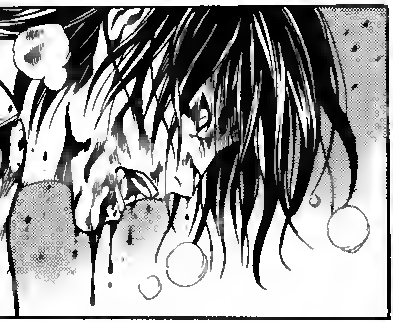
THE WHOLE WORLD IS MINE!
QUICK, CONTROL THAT--
?!
POWER!
I NEED HIS POWER!

...WHAT?
RED...EYES...
HOW DARE YOU?!

FWOO
CHOKK
GRAAAGH!
TH-THIS CAN'T BE...


I...I AM KAMUTU...! RULER OF THE WORLD!

WHUMP

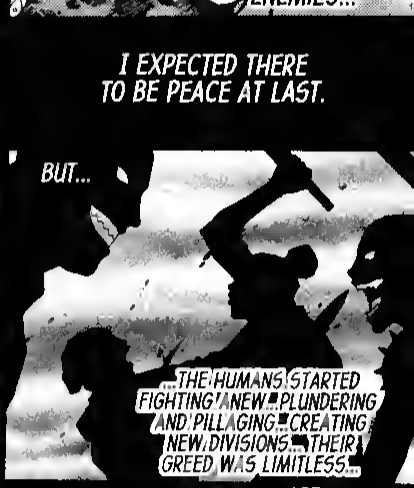


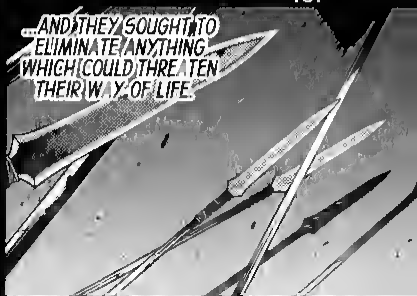
I'M SORRY...
...I'M SORRY FOR PUTTING YOU THROUGH THIS...
IT WILL BE OVER SOON...
...SOON...

ONE THOUSAND YEARS AGO...
HUMANITY WAS ENGULFED IN AN UNENDING WAR.
I...WAS HELPING TO FUEL THE FIGHTING.
I KILLED...AND KILLED... THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF MEN.
THE REASON FOR MY INVOLVEMENT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.
IT WAS BECAUSE OF ONE LITTLE GIRL...

I DID IT ALL FOR ONE LITTLE GIRL!!

OUR SIDE WAS VICTORIOUS, AND THE WAR FINALLY ENDED.
THOUSANDS OF MEN HAD BEEN SLAIN... FRIENDS... ENEMIES...


I EXPECTED THERE TO BE PEACE AT LAST.
BUT...
...THE HUMANS STARTED FIGHTING NEW, PLUNDERING AND PILLAGING, CREATING NEW DIVISIONS... THEIR GREED WAS LIMITLESS...


...AND THEY SOUGHT TO ELIMINATE ANYTHING WHICH COULD THREATEN THEIR WAY OF LIFE.

INCLUDING THE GIRL WHO LED THEM TO VICTORY...

IT WAS THE FINAL STRAW!
I COULD NOT FORGIVE THEM!

THAT...
.....
...WAS A THOUSAND YEARS AGO...SO THAT'S HOW YOUR HATRED TOWARD HUMANITY WAS CREATED.
...YES!
YOU HUMANS WILL DO ANYTHING TO SATISFY YOUR LUST FOR POWER AND GREED!
SHUT UP...
HUH? WHA—?!

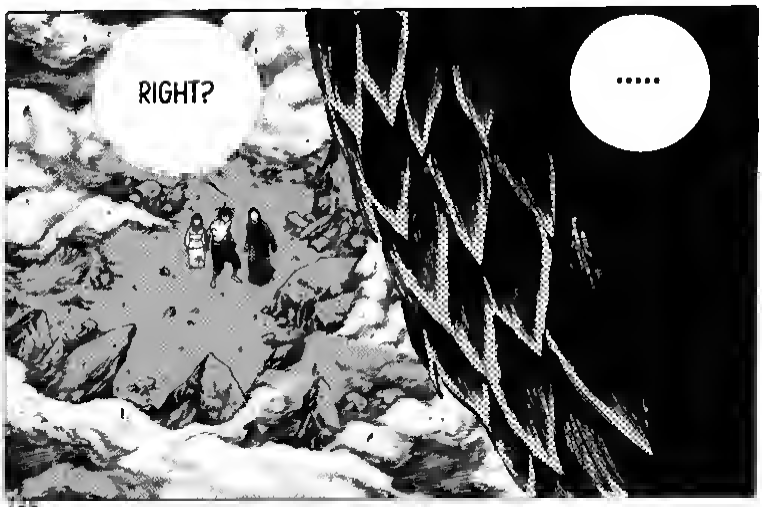
SHUT UP!
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU THROWIN' ME FOR?
CHOKK
OH, SHIT!

EVERYONE'S THE SAME...
...NO ONE WANTS TO LOSE THE ONES THEY LOVE...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LOSE SOMEONE YOU LOVE?!
I WON'T LET YOU DESTROY INNOCENT, LOVING PEOPLE!
I'LL PROTECT THEM! I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION! I'LL STOP YOU!

MEI...KONG... I HAVE TO PROTECT THEM!

BANYA, CALM DOWN!
!!
NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN...


RIGHT?
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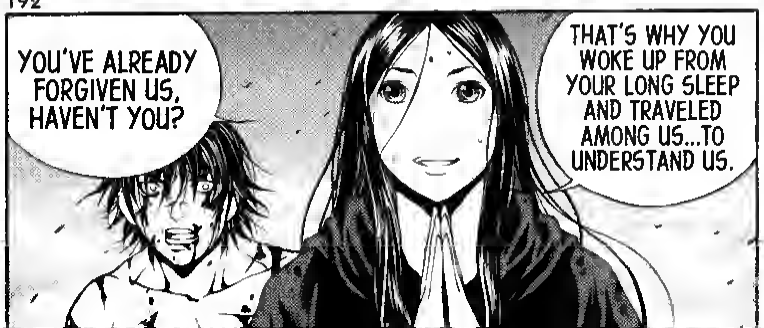
YOU'VE ALREADY FORGIVEN US, HAVEN'T YOU?
THAT'S WHY YOU WOKE UP FROM YOUR LONG SLEEP AND TRAVELED AMONG US...TO UNDERSTAND US.

.....
YES... IT'S TRUE.
BUT I HAVEN'T COMPLETELY FORGIVEN YOU JUST YET. NOR DO I FULLY UNDERSTAND YOU.
I NEED MORE TIME. THIS IS NOT THE END.
I WILL RETREAT INTO SILENCE ONCE MORE AND OBSERVE.
SPREAD THE WORD!
I AM THE EMBODIMENT OF ALL YOUR RAMPANT GREED AND EGO...
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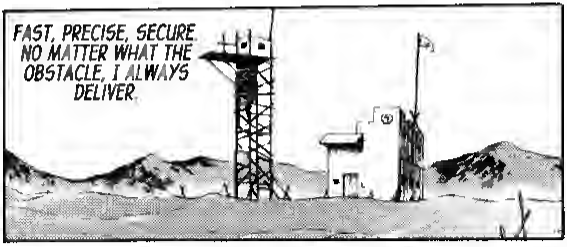
ALL CATAS-TROPHES ...
...ARE OF YOUR OWN CREATION...

I WILL REMAIN BEHIND AND PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED HERE. THAT IS MY LAST MISSION.



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